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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group, FBIS

FROM:
Acting Chief, FBIS Okinawa Bureau

SUBJECT: Monthly Report - Okinawa Bureau - April 1985

I. GENERAL

Headquarters bureau chiefs conference discussions and decisions on crisis monitoring of the Philippines' medium-wave radios reinvigorated bureau efforts to obtain concurrences for use of Ishigaki Island in the southern Ryukyus for an emergency monitoring site as well as for a followup cruising survey. The acting bureau chief began preparations for another visit to the American Embassy, Tokyo, in late May, and for discussions with the Consul General, Naha. The Far East regional meeting also agreed that Okinawa and Hong Kong bureaus should explore the availability of dedicated Autovon and commercial telephone lines, respectively, to feed Philippines radio programs tuned remotely at Clark AFB from either bureau.

A possible encroachment on the bureau's reserved FBIS housing area at Kadena Air Base was averted in late April. Inquiries were made of Kadena Air Base civil engineering and liaison offices following the unannounced appearance on 12 April of a surveyor team staking out another playground in the open "common" facing the bureau chief's and senior staff houses. Planners for a joint USAF-Japanese Government playground, unaware of the existing FBIS playground a few hundred feet away, were called off. Liaison meetings with USAF offices reconfirmed FBIS control over its 26.3-acre housing area outlined in a 1976 agreement with the USAF. The same incident led to meetings by bureau Administrative and Logistics officers with Air Force civil engineers, in which the bureau's 8-year housing recapitalization and rebuilding program was explained in detail. Initial Air Force proposals that FBIS build two-story, quadraplex replacement houses for present single-family houses apparently have been shelved, and objections to original FBIS plans withdrawn, provided DOD housing standards are met. The bureau was advised by E&PS at month-end that FY-85 architectural and engineering funds for the housing project have been reprogrammed and authority sought for the first planning stage.

Bureau parents of schoolchildren were notified that the Director, FBIS, has requested a letter from higher authorities to the Department of Defense Dependent Schools (DODDS) system directors in Washington requesting that FBIS Okinawa children be reclassified as "space required," rather than "space available" children, from this September. There remains considerable anxiety among on-island FBIS parents as well as those scheduled for assignment with schoolchildren this summer.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Editorial/Monitorial

1. The CRW-conducted IBM PC training course scheduled for 29 April to 10 May was cancelled at Headquarters request, due to emergencies affecting the designated CRW training team. The bureau has asked for rescheduling in September, as this would allow all members of the staff--those remaining and arriving this summer--to participate.

2. The bureau set another production record in wirefiling publishable wordage, over 1.3 million words. Filing on the meeting of the PRC's National People's Congress, the PRC provincial congresses which followed, and Japanese reportage and comment on U.S. actions to reduce the trade imbalance accounted for much of the increased wordage.

3. Moscow's international services and Radio Peace and Progress introduced extensive programming changes effective 1 April, with the beams in Mandarin to China changing the most. The bureau readjusted its coverage after careful surveys and sampling. Thus far, no significant changes in broadcast substance have been noticed.

4. A 3-hour downtime on the bureau's ROSET on 6 April caused by a failure in one of the connectors in the ROSET low noise amplifier-receiver interface required that London Bureau/BBC be asked to assume Okinawa's early morning Moscow TV satellite coverage. Due to quick action by the engineering staff, only one program had to be covered in London.

B. Lateral Services

The bureau has expanded its selection criteria for Okinawan media to include all references to U.S. military electronic monitoring activities on the island and on the activities of the U.S. Special Forces stationed at the U.S. Army's Torii Field Station, Okinawa. This change was made in response to a request from the Torii Field Station public affairs officer, who is tracking local reaction to the planned phasedown of the Army's monitoring facility on Okinawa.

C. Cruising

The Soviet 80E satellite has been observed since 8 April to be carrying Moscow TV Double II programming in parallel with the same programming on the 90E satellite. The 80E satellite is also carrying Double III programming, and may be intended to replace the 85E satellite, one of the oldest in the Orbita satellite network.

III. ADMINISTRATION/LOGISTICS

A. Personnel

STAT ✓ 1. New Tagalog/Chinese Monitor [] arrived 26 April from Manila to EOD. Possessing knowledge of Mandarin, Tagalog, English, and French, [] is to be trained initially by the bureau's Chinese Unit.

STAT 2. Senior Editor [] departed on an extended TDY to Hong Kong Bureau 21 April to augment Hong Kong Bureau's staff following the EVT of Acting Bureau Chief [] return to Okinawa was expected about 5 May.

STAT 3. Brief ceremonies were held on 30 April to present U.S. Government service pins to 10 TCNs and one U.S. staff employee. The "oldest" young men, getting 35-year service pins, were Chief Monitor [] and Associate Editor []. Pins for 25 years were awarded to Chinese monitors [] and to staff cruiser [] and Chinese monitors [] re-ceived 15-year pins.

B. Building and Grounds

1. The bureau was notified of delegation of authority to proceed with its planned 600-square-foot expansion of the operations building to consolidate the ROSET and cruising operations. Contacts are now underway with the Corps of Engineers on construction dates.

2. Housing reassignments and moves began during the month to meet changing family sizes and personal preference and to accommodate the needs of incoming staff personnel.

C. Logistics

1. The refurbishing of kitchen and bathroom fixtures and the installation of a new dish washer in the vacant bureau chief's house were started. All work will be finished during May.

2. Ten welcome kits have been restocked in preparation for summer staff rotations. New items ranging from pillows/linens to cookware/utensils have been purchased. Additionally, Childcraft cribs have been purchased for incoming families.

IV. ENGINEERING

1. Tentative agreement was reached with the Sony Corporation, through the Okinawa Military Exchange, to exchange the two incompatible Sony BVU-820 Secam videocassette recorders for as many Sony BVU-5630's as can be obtained for the cost of the 820's. Final word on the exchange is pending.

2. Installation was completed on a redesigned pulse width demodulation unit, designed to provide a better quality picture of ROSET-monitored Soviet TV. Testing and adjustment of the new unit continues, and it has worked well thus far.

3. The rhombic antenna pole replacement project made significant headway during the month. The local contractor began construction of roads leading to the antenna poles due for replacement, and the Air Force began to assemble 3-wire curtains for the new poles. Local farmers and Yomitan government officials have been quite cooperative in regard to the project.

V. VISITS

To the bureau:

Two security officers from the embassy in Seoul 21-24 April.

One security officer from the embassy in Tokyo 22-25 April.

From the bureau:

STAT Bureau Chinese monitor [] to Austria Bureau 28 March, during private travel/EOT in Europe.

Administrative Officer and Tokyo Embassy security officer for courtesy calls on the Kadena Air Base OSI deputy commander and the S-2/provost marshal of Torii Station 24 April.

STAT Acting Chief [] to Headquarters for the Bureau Chiefs Conference 10-25 April.

Administrative and Logistics officers to Kadena Air Base Civil Engineering Office for consultations and briefings 17 April.

VI. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

STAT Logistics officer [] sponsored an Easter egg hunt in the FBIS park on 4 April for children 5 years of age and older.

STAT A spring FBIS barbecue on Easter Sunday, 7 April, planned for the FBIS playground picnic area by sponsors [] had to be relocated indoors to the vacant bureau chief's house and the FBIS "common" when heavy rains flooded the playground, but a large turnout of sports players with big appetites--and a favorable turn in the weather at noon--ensured success.

STAT []
Acting Chief, Okinawa Bureau

Attachment:

Engineering Monthly Report

Attachment
Monthly Report, Okinawa Bureau
April 1985

ENGINEERING

EQUIPMENT RECEIVED:

Audio Distribution Amplifier
Videotek Model ADA-16
(3) SN 03850539, 03850540, 03850541

Video Distribution Amplifier,
Videotek Model VDA-16
(2) SN 03850451, 03850452

EQUIPMENT TRANSFERRED:

None

OKINAWA BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR APRIL 1985

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	1,357,460
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	480,550
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	3,720

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u> (minutes or issues per week)	19,790 min.	39,860 min.	175.02 issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:

CHINA	
Beijing International Service to East and South Africa in English	---
Beijing International Service to North America in English	790
Beijing International Service in Japanese	310
Beijing to Southeast Asia in Mandarin	1,660
Beijing to Taiwan in Mandarin	710
Beijing to the USSR in Russian	4,590
Beijing to Vietnam in Vietnamese	3,680
Beijing Domestic Service in Mandarin	32,470
Fuzhou Fujian Provincial Service in Mandarin	4,290
Hangzhou Zhejiang Provincial Service in Mandarin	5,030
Hefei Anhui Provincial Service in Mandarin	8,690
Nanchang Jiangxi Provincial Service in Mandarin	3,210
Nanjing Jiangsu Provincial Service in Mandarin	5,350
Shanghai City Service in Mandarin	5,650

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Beijing XINHUA in English		524,750	
Beijing XINHUA Domestic Service in Chinese		201,830	
Fuzhou FUJIAN RIBAO in Chinese			2,700
Hangzhou ZHEJIANG RIBAO in Chinese			2,180
Hefei ANHUI RIBAO in Chinese			32,380
Nanjing XINHUA RIBAO in Chinese			
Shanghai JIEFANG RIBAO in Chinese			2,400
Shanghai WEN HUI BAO in Chinese			1,450
CLANDESTINE			
(Clandestine) Ba Yi Radio to China in Mandarin	---		
(Clandestine) Voice of the PLA to China in Mandarin	---		
(Clandestine) Radio Spark to China in Mandarin	---		
(Clandestine) Radio October Storm to China in Mandarin	---		
(Clandestine) Contingent of Proletarian Fighters to China in Mandarin	---		
JAPAN			
Tokyo NHK Television Network in Japanese	7,650		
Tokyo TBS Television Service in Japanese	1,340		
Tokyo JPS in English		5,930	
Tokyo KYODO in English		160,220	
Tokyo JIJI in English		19,260	
Tokyo AKAHATA in Japanese			---
Tokyo ASAHI SHIMBUN in Japanese			5,620
Tokyo ASAHI EVENING NEWS in English			14,020
Tokyo JAPAN ECONOMIC JOURNAL in English			4,960
Tokyo MAINICHI DAILY NEWS in English			11,830

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Tokyo MAINICHI SHIMBUN in Japanese			4,530
Tokyo NIHON KEIZAI SHIMBUN in Japanese			21,420
Tokyo SANKEI SHIMBUN in Japanese			1,010
Tokyo THE DAILY YOMIURI in English			18,060
Tokyo THE JAPAN TIMES in English			23,950
Tokyo TOKYO SHIMBUN in Japanese			---
Tokyo YOMIURI SHIMBUN in Japanese			3,440
Naha OKINAWA TIMES in Japanese			2,430
Naha RYUKYU SHIMPO in Japanese			980
KOREA (NORTH)			
Pyongyang KCNA in English		340	
MONGOLIA			
Ulaanbaatar MONTSAME in English		7,490	
Ulaanbaatar MONTSAME in Russian		5,610	
TAIWAN			
Taipei International Service in English	2,190		
Taipei Domestic Service in Mandarin	2,460		
Taipei CNA in English		26,950	
Taipei CHINA POST in English			10,490
Taipei CHING CHI JIH PAO in Chinese			---
Taipei CHUNG KUO SHIH PAO in Chinese			580
Taipei CHUNG YANG JIH PAO in Chinese			400
Taipei LIEN HO PAO in Chinese			840
Taipei LIEN HO YUEH KAN in Chinese			---
Taipei TZU LI WAN PAO in Chinese			---

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS			
Moscow to Japan in Japanese	8,540		
Moscow to Southeast Asia in Mandarin	---		
Moscow to China in Mandarin	2,130		
Moscow to Vietnam in Vietnamese	1,970		
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress to China in Mandarin	1,500		
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress to Southeast Asia in Mandarin	---		
Moscow Domestic Television Service in Russian	21,070		
 VIETNAM			
Hanoi International Service in Mandarin	600		
Hanoi Domestic Service in Vietnamese	12,380		
Hanoi VNA in English		99,170	
Hanoi VNA in French		---	
Hanoi VNA in Vietnamese		---	
Ho Chi Minh City VNA in Vietnamese		---	